



**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
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April 23, 2008

Dear Colleague:

The Rehabilitation Act, as amended, requires public hearings to be conducted on the proposed State Plans for the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS). The Division of Rehabilitation Services' 2008 public hearings will be held in Nashville, Memphis, Jackson, Chattanooga, Johnson City and Knoxville during the month of May. A schedule of dates, times, and locations are attached.

You are cordially invited to attend any of the public hearings. I encourage you to attend at least one of the hearings to give us your valuable suggestions on the Division of Rehabilitation Services' Plans.

State Rehabilitation Council members will assist the Division of Rehabilitation Services in presenting the State Plans Update.

Your contributions to the proposed Plans are very important to us, and suggestions made at the public hearings are recorded as input to the Plans. A brief summary presentation of the Plans will be made by DRS staff. A draft copy of the Plans will be available by May 2<sup>nd</sup> in all DRS offices and on the DRS web site (<http://state.tn.us/humanserv/rehab/vrs.htm>). Alternative formats are available upon request from any DRS Regional Supervisor.

**If your program has a newsletter, we would appreciate this announcement being included in your next issue.**

Thank you for your contributions to our planning efforts, and I hope you will attend one of the public hearings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea L. Cooper".

Andrea L. Cooper  
Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Rehabilitation Services

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Enclosures



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**REHABILITATION SERVICES  
PUBLIC HEARINGS ON STATE PLANS  
AND  
PUBLIC FORUM**

The Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services has scheduled public hearings in Middle, West and East Tennessee on the 2009 State Plans update for Vocational Rehabilitation Services. These public hearings are scheduled during the months of May in six (6) cities across the state and will allow the opportunity for public review and comment on the Rehabilitation Services State Plans. The public hearings starting times and locations are attached.

The Division of Rehabilitation Services serves eligible individuals with physical or mental disabilities and may provide services to include diagnosis, treatment, training, maintenance and transportation, counseling and guidance, job placement, post-employment services and supported employment services. Employment of people with disabilities is the objective of the program.

The Division's regional supervisors and State Rehabilitation Council members will participate in these public hearings, which will be conducted according to the attached schedule. Copies of any or all Plans of the Division may be obtained by writing or contacting the Division as follows:

DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES  
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E-MAIL: [SAMUEL.COLE@STATE.TN.US](mailto:SAMUEL.COLE@STATE.TN.US)

The State Plans may also be reviewed in any regional rehabilitation services office across the state, as well as online at [http://state.tn.us/humanserv/rehab/st\\_plan.htm](http://state.tn.us/humanserv/rehab/st_plan.htm) (which will be online by May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008). State Plan comments can be made at the public hearings or be sent to the regional supervisor in your region. A listing of DRS Regional Offices with counties served is enclosed.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in the public hearings should contact the Rehabilitation Services Division to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate participation. Requests may be made in person, by letter, by telephone, fax or by e-mail. The request, through the above address and numbers, should be made as soon as possible to allow time for scheduling.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARINGS  
REHABILITATION PLANS UPDATE  
FISCAL YEAR 2009

The Public Hearings are planned for the month of May, 2008, according to the following schedule:

**Nashville - Monday, May 19, 2008**

**3:00 PM**

Metropolitan Board of Education  
Customer Service Center/Board Room Entrance-Berry  
Street  
2601 Bransford Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37204

**Jackson – Tuesday May 20, 2008**

**4:00 PM**

Jackson Center for Independent Living  
1981 Hollywood Road  
Jackson, TN 38305

**Johnson City – Tuesday May 20, 2008**

**4:00 PM**

Tennessee Room  
Johnson City Medical Center  
400 N. State of Franklin Road  
Johnson City, TN 37604 - 6094

**Knoxville - Wednesday May 21, 2008**

**4:00 PM**

State Office Building  
531 Henley Street, Room 7-A  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**Chattanooga – Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

**4:00 PM**

State Office Building  
First Floor Auditorium  
540 McCallie Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37403

**Memphis – Thursday, May 22, 2008**

**4:00 PM**

Memphis Center for Independent Living  
1633 Madison Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104

## DRS Regional Offices with Counties Served

### **Region 1**

Susan Arwood, Regional Supervisor  
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**Counties & TRCs Served:** Carter, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington

### **Region 2**

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**Counties & TRCs Served:** Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union

### **Region 3**

Andy Bible, Regional Supervisor  
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**Counties & TRCs Served:** Bledsoe, Bradley, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Moore, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie

### **Region 4**

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**Counties & TRCs Served:** Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, White

### **Region 5**

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**Counties Served:** Davidson

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### **Region 7**

Jan Littrell, Regional Supervisor  
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### **Region 8**

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### **Region 9**

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### **Region 10 & Region 11**

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